Blackstone Square, Boston,
January 30. 1858.

Revd & Dear Sir,

I met last evening at a friend's, Miss Sarah Willis of Kingston in this State, who spoke to me of your visit to the Old Colony the past summer and of your intention to compile a history of the Robinson family. I have frequently of late been at Kingston in the summer months, but was elsewhere during the last season, ~~and~~ or I should no doubt have enjoyed seeing you, if our visits had happened to coincide in point of time. I have never been a regular resident in Duxbury, but perhaps know as well as any one, the history of its localities &c. Except in some

years ago, when a mere
school boy, I printed a
history of that place, which
had afforded me much
satisfaction in the compilation — for it is nothing but
a compilation and very
crude at that in the putting together.
You have doubtless seen it,
or if it has not been ~~you~~
possible for you to procure
it in New York, and you
will inform me, I shall
take a pleasure in offering
you ~~one~~ a copy.

I cannot give you much
further information concerning
your ancestor the Rev. John
Robinson, who preached in
Duxbury, than is given in
the book, commencing on
p 184. You doubtless know
much more concerning
him, than I do. I will
only say, at the hazard of telling

you no news, that from a brief account of his life published on the occasion of his death, in the Boston weekly Post boy, Dec. 2. 1745 under head of "Lebanon in Conn. Nov 16", it seems, there is no doubt of his having previously preached at Newcastle, Pennsylvania. My note too on his parentage is perhaps wrong, for a note in the N. E. Hist. & Genealogical Register for Oct. 1855, p 339, says the Rev. John was a son of Samuel (who had also a son Saml) the son of William, who was in Dorchester 1636-7 and d 1668. See also N. E. Hist. & Geneal. Reg VIII. p 172. If his age is recorded right at his death, 74 in 1748, he must have been born in 1671, and not as given in 1675. I have also noted. "Some authorities say he died, 1739 aged 64" but that is probably wrong.

I also note, "a tradition exists that he was a grandson of the Rev. John Robinson of Leyden." Do you make any such thing out? I believe there is something to that effect in Col. John Trumbull's autobiog. pp 2.437.

As regards the descendants of the daughter Hannah who married Nath. Thomas, I presume you are informed, if you have any intention of carrying out the female line. Miss Marcia A. Thomas of Marshfield probably is better posted on her family than any other one. I have myself quite a genealogy of it, chiefly from her papers.

I find I have queried the date of Mr R.'s settlement at Duxbury, and think Nov 13. should be Nov 18th. (p 185). I suppose Mr Fish was a graduate instead of a member of H. College, ~~&~~ ~~presume~~ (N 185) and was the Thomas Fiske who grad. in 1719. These are all the errata and addenda I can make to my account. If you desire to hear from me again you can address "to the care of

Nath'l Winsor, Jr. & Co.,
Boston."

I am respectfully &c.

Justin Winsor.

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J. Dixon
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